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INTRODUCTION

The activities of the Saskatchewan Branch in 1989 were maintained at a nearly normal level despite an unusually long legislative session which lasted through the summer months. It was not possible to send a full delegation to the Regional Conference in Alberta in July due to legislative commitments nor to the Canadian Regional Annual Seminar in the Northwest Territories. Nevertheless, Saskatchewan was ably represented by the smaller number of delegates that were able to attend.

This year the annual meeting and dinner of the Saskatchewan Branch which is normally held in December was deferred to the following spring. The change in timing was made to ensure that the meeting was held during a sitting of the House so that more Members would be able to attend.

Former Members of the Legislative Assembly may continue some involvement in the Association by becoming Associate Members of the Saskatchewan Branch. In 1989 there were twenty-five Associate Members all of whom are entitled to attend the annual dinner. This function provides an opportunity for former Members to meet with each other and with current Members of the House and to remain informed about current activities of the Association.

This year Saskatchewan was fortunate to be able to send delegates to CPA meetings in Ottawa, Toronto, Zambia, Barbados, the United Kingdom, Washington, Alberta and North West Territories.

In addition the Branch was pleased to receive visits from parliamentarians from other jurisdictions, including the Speaker of New South Wales, the Honourable Kevin Ruzzoli, the Clerk of the Queensland parliament, Mr. Alan Woodward, and Members of the British Columbia Select Committee on Labour, Justice and Intergovernmental Relations.

The importance of CPA as a medium for studying, sharing and promoting parliamentary principles is highlighted with the recent revitalization of parliamentary institutions in eastern Europe. This year the Saskatchewan Branch has continued its tradition of active involvement in this Commonwealth-wide association.

Gwenn Ronyk
Secretary
Saskatchewan Branch

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

For the third time, I have the privilege of writing an Annual Report in my capacity as President of the Saskatchewan Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

In my role as your President, I have had the opportunity to meet Parliamentarians from many Commonwealth countries. This interaction has assisted me to more fully appreciate the value of the C.P.A. The Commonwealth is a diverse group of countries with diverse political systems. However, the common theme they all share is their commitment to strive to uphold or continue to work for democratic principles.

People's desire for self-respect, dignity, and freedom cannot be stifled indefinitely by any regime. Their basic need to fully blossom cannot be denied by those who wield power in a manner contradictory to man's quest for freedom. As a result we see the sudden change in Eastern Europe which will surely be recorded as one of the great revolutions in history.

In South Africa we see the will of the majority finally beginning to prevail. The Phillipines resolutely continues on its firmly set course to give power to the people. In South America we see several countries that have adopted multi-party political systems. We see them conduct elections that are valid. While these are not Commonwealth countries they are all examples of the triumph of democracy.

Here in Saskatchewan, during the past year we have had many distinguished visitors to our Legislative Assembly. Among them was the Honourable Vigdis Finnbogadottir, President of Iceland who paid her first official visit to Saskatchewan.

We were also honoured by a visit by the Honourable Wan Li, Chairman of the National People's Congress, People's Republic of China. His visit was of significance due to the close relationship Saskatchewan has been cultivating with our sister province, Jilin.

Finally, we again had the opportunity to host members of the Royal Family. On July 25, 1989 we were honoured by a visit by the Duke and Duchess of York. After an official outdoor welcoming ceremony, it was my privilege to host them in our Legislative Assembly Chambers, where they signed the official guest register. As they toured our province, they experienced the warmth and hospitality of Saskatchewan people.

During the past year, several C.P.A. conferences were held which I and various members of the Assembly were pleased to attend. Saskatchewan was well represented at each by our able M.L.A.'s. I trust you will enjoy the reports which have been submitted.

Further, our Assembly has taken on a new look in 1990 with significant changes at the Table. We have a new Clerk in Mrs. Gwenn Ronyk who has served our Assembly very ably as Assistant Clerk and as Deputy Clerk for many years. To replace her as Deputy Clerk, we have hired Mr. Robert Vaive from Ottawa, who has extensive parliamentary experience. Along with Mr. Greg Putz, I feel we have a team at the Table which will serve our Members well.

Also, a big bouquet to all Legislative Assembly Staff. While they do not receive prominence, it is their efficient work which makes it possible for our Legislature to function smoothly. On behalf of all Members, I wish to express my appreciation to them for their contribution.

Finally, thanks to you, the Members of the Legislative Assembly for my association with you in the past year. One of the special benefits of being Speaker is the opportunity to interact with you on a personal level. Your responsibility for making the democratic system work can not be over-estimated. The role you play as Members very definitely affects democracy. People have elected us because they trust we will all do our best to uphold and strengthen the principles of freedom.

I congratulate you on your personal contribution to democracy.

I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Hon. A. B. Tusa
President
Saskatchewan Branch

THIRTY-EIGHTH

SEMINAR ON PARLIAMENTARY

PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

WESTMINSTER

March 7 to 19, 1989

REPORT BY L. KOPELCHUK, MLA
CANORA

The Thirty Eighth Seminar on Parliamentary Practice and Procedure was held at Westminster, London, England March 7 to 18, 1989.

It was my honour to represent the Saskatchewan Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association at this Seminar. Also attending were Mr. Michael Ray, M.P.P. from Ontario and Mr. Michel Champagne, M.P. from Quebec. There were twenty-two other members representing the Commonwealth from around the world.

I find it impossible in this report to relate in any detail, the excellent resource people and discussion material that were such an important part of this Seminar. As the title of the Seminar suggests we discussed in very interesting sessions such topics as the parliamentary rules and procedures of not only the United Kingdom but also the many, many countries of the Commonwealth.

We learned about the duties of Commonwealth parliamentarians and the duties of the executive and senior officials of all levels of government.

Highlights of this seminar included a visit and an address by Mr. Clifford Boulton, CB, Clerk of the House of Commons. A visit to Basingstoke to study local government and a tour of Salisbury Cathedral made up our weekend in England. We celebrated Commonwealth Day at Westminster Abbey in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

Undoubtedly an exceptional moment was the reception at No. 10 Downing Street as guest of the Prime Minister, the Rt. Honourable Margaret Thatcher, M.P., and the opportunity to enjoy a few minutes of private conversation with the Prime Minister.

Each noon lunch provided us with the occasion to visit with different Members of the United Kingdom CPA Branch and to exchange information with them. As well, we were thrilled to enjoy lunch in the House of Lords Dining Room and attend the Gallery in the House of Lords. Question Time in the House of Commons with the Prime Minister answering questions was also very interesting.

The fortuity to exchange views with delegates from the Commonwealth provided me with an in-depth opportunity to observe their opinions and way of life. This I will treasure for many years, especially in my political career.

I would strongly urge that our Saskatchewan Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association continue to attend this seminar when we are invited to do so. It is an opportunity that I wish all my political colleagues can experience at some time in the future.

FIRST

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY

SEMINAR

LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

June 18 to 30, 1989

REPORT BY J. E. BRITTON, MLA
WILKIE

First let me say that I deem it an honour and a privilege to have had the opportunity to take part in the seminar as the delegate representing Saskatchewan.

This was an historic event as it was the first time the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association had held a seminar outside the United Kingdom. The agenda was well thought out and although the days were sometimes quite full, there were no complaints from any of the delegates. Every hour, both on the business side and on the social side, was very interesting and informative. It was well organised with no slip-ups.

On the social side, the first three days were devoted to showing the delegates some of the most interesting parts of the country.

We were met at the airport shortly after midnight Sunday, because a problem had developed with the aircraft in London, England. We were all impressed with the friendly welcome we received and the genuine desire to make us feel comfortable and at ease. We were taken to the Hotel Inter-continental in Lusaka which was fully modern and quite comfortable to spend the rest of Sunday night.

Monday started with breakfast at 7:00 a.m. as did all mornings. We then went to view game in the South Luangwa National Park, staying in Mfive Chickel Lodges overnight. Tuesday we spent touring the copper belt and viewing the Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River. Both were spectacular in their own way. First we visited the open pit copper mine named Nchange. This copper mine is enormous and is very important to the economy of Zambia. Incidentally, we met a Canadian from Hinton, Alberta working at the mine in management. The Nchanga open pit mine produces 6.2 million tones of ore per year. The Nchanga underground mines produce 3 million tones and the Konkola Mine produces 1.1. million tones. The ore runs at about 3 per cent copper on the average in the three mines they operate.

The Nchanga open pit mine is 4 kilometres long, 2.5 kilometres wide and three hundred and sixty meters deep. This makes it one of the biggest open pit mines in the world. The mine works, non-stop, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The same is true of the other two mines.

The fleet of 100 plus trucks, costing $800,000 US. per truck consumes 150,000 litres of diesel fuel and 6,000 litres of motor oil every 24-hour day. The labour force is around 15,000, of which 1.8% are expatriates from off-shore.

Later we viewed the Victoria Falls from both the Zambia side and the Zimbabwe side. The Falls are on the Zambezi River which serves as the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Falls themselves are absolutely awesome in size (1 mile wide). I don't know the volume of water flowing over the Falls. I didn't think to ask anyone, but it must be tremendous. The roar and the spray coming off the Falls is unbelievable. The

tremendous drop causes a spray several hundreds of feet high looking more like smoke from a huge forest fire from a distance. Local people named it Musi-o-tunda, (The smoke that thunders) and believe me it really does. You are totally soaked after a close up view of the falls but it is well worth it.

We were taken to one of their cultural centres where we were treated to a program of dances sponsored by the different Tribal Groups which were very colourful and energetic.

Then we were taken on a tour of a Sugar Cane Estate of 13,000 hectares located between the Kafue River and the Main Rail Line at Masubuka in the Southern Province. The labour force is around 3,500 during regular growing season and swells to 6,000 during cane-cutting season. The production in total cane and raw sugar has increased steadily each year since the first crop in 1968 of 21,503 tones of sugar to the 1988 production of 135,845 tones of raw sugar. They produce both white and brown sugar, 9,394 hectares suitable for irrigation. By 1987 there was 9,753 hectares planted to cane on the estate and a further 2,500 hectares planted by other farmers on land of there own.

The seminar proceedings were held at the Mulungushi International Conference Centre which was adjacent to the Parliament Buildings. The seminars were well attended and the participation by the delegates excellent.

There seemed to be an atmosphere of complete openess in the discussions and a genuine searching for common ground for all types of democracy, whether it be a bicameral or unicameral state.

The aforementioned is just a very brief overview of the social and business sides of the seminar. There were receptions, dinners, coffee parties, etc., which were all very enjoyable. The food was plentiful and delicious (never had a bad meal).

The closing banquet was attended by over 300 people.

TWENTY-NINTH

CANADIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

ALBERTA

July 12 to 17, 1989

REPORT BY L. A. CALVERT, MLA
MOOSE JAW SOUTH

The variety of jurisdictions and political backgrounds represented by delegates to the Canadian Regional Conference in Alberta, as with every gathering of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, is what made the Alberta Conference a rich experience for all of we who were privileged to attend as delegates.

The sharing of views in both the formal and informal discussions, the growth in understanding of regional differences, the lasting friendships made between delegates and the opportunity to learn more of the hosting jurisdiction are the lasting benefits from the conference in Alberta.

From the discussions at the conference, I found particularly valuable the concerns discussed related to the environment, and of note the discussion of hazardous waste disposal as undertaken in Alberta. As we, who are charged with providing public leadership struggle towards more environmental sanity, seek new policy and direction, the discussions in this area were extremely appropriate.

Alberta's legendary hospitality was fully extended to the delegates to the conference. That hospitality included memorable visits to the Calgary Stampede, Calgary's Heritage Park, other local tours in and around Calgary and a visit to Edmonton and the Alberta Legislative Assembly.

Much credit must be given to the Speaker of the Alberta Legislative Assembly and his staff for the planning and the conduct of the conference. Every effort was made to leave delegates with both new thought and rich memories. In my view the efforts were very successful.

In a nation as diverse as our own, and in a world as complex and so rapidly changing, the conference, if only in a small way, contributed to the kind of communication and understanding that is at the basis of unity and progress. For this the conference was worthwhile and I am thankful for the opportunity of having been part of it.

REPORT BY R. GARDNER, MLA
PELLY

I was proud to be chosen as one of the Saskatchewan delegates to attend the 29th Regional Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in Calgary and Edmonton this year.

A special "Thank You" to Speaker Carter for a well organised and well run conference.

Sessions included:

- Oil and Gas - Energy Self-Sufficiency
- Substance Abuse
- Water Management
- The Viability of Energy Mega Projects
- Waste Management
- National Parks Policy

Each subject was addressed by a very capable guest speaker. Two of particular interest to me were:

1) Self-Sufficiency of Energy in Oil and Gas: addressed by Mr. Bruce Simpson, Senior Vice-President of Nova Corporation.

2) The Viability of Energy Mega Projects: addressed by Mr. M. F. Kanik, Deputy Minister of Alberta Department of Energy.

I had the privilege to speak for Saskatchewan in the lead-off discussion on the latter subject.

I am sure, because of the sessions, we all came home more knowledgeable about the topics and gained new ideas on the subjects due to having other points of view across the nation.

We also had the opportunity to see some of Alberta's beautiful landscape and were entertained, by talent and with hospitality, second to none.

Alberta, we're proud to be your neighbours and thank you for a memorable experience.

REPORT BY W. NEUDORF, MLA
ROSTHERN

It was with a great deal of pleasure that, along with three of my Saskatchewan colleagues, I was able to attend this year's conference in Calgary and Edmonton.

Needless to say, the topics of study, as outlined in other reports, were of keen interest to participants because of their relevance to all. All delegates who contributed are to be congratulated.

To me, of particular interest and lasting impression was the human relationships and camaraderie that developed with colleagues from all parts of Canada. Friendships and empathies developed will be treasured and built upon for many years to come.

I would be remiss if I didn't tip my Stetson to our Alberta hosts for a super job of organising and extending such a warm hand of western hospitality. A super job well done!

REPORT BY R. M. PRINGLE, MLA
SASKATOON EASTVIEW

This conference was very rewarding from a number of perspectives. First of all, it was nice to get a break from the heat of a long and intense legislative session. It is always a pleasure to go to Alberta, and this time was no exception. The good organisation, warmth and hospitality of our hosts was just excellent. The topic areas were relevant and interesting. Obviously with the time constraints, it is still important to see the various perspectives on a given issue.

It was rewarding to chat and travel with colleagues and their families from not only Saskatchewan, but across Canada and internationally as well. This, perhaps, was the most rewarding part of the conference. Both my wife Gwen and I had excellent discussions with colleagues — from all political persuasions.

There was a sense of camaraderie that transcended political lines, a sense that we are all part of making our countries, provinces, and communities better places to live. We got to know each other as people, as friends, and as colleagues. I will always treasure the memories and friendships developed at this conference, and I look forward to the opportunity to attend a future conference. I developed a new appreciation for our Association, and I look forward to our continued strengthening and growth.

Thank you again to Honourable Carter, Speaker of the Alberta Legislature, and all the staff who made this event a time to remember for both Gwen and myself. Well done!

WASHINGTON SEMINAR

WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 26 to 28, 1989

REPORT BY D. M. LINGENFELTER, MLA
REGINA ELPHINSTONE

It was indeed an honour and pleasure to represent Saskatchewan at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Washington Seminar on "Bilateral and Global Environment Issues" September 26 to 28, 1989.

I would like to thank Ms. Barbara Reynolds and Ms. Jo Oberstar with the Centre for Legislative Exchange who did an excellent job of preparing an exciting and meaningful agenda.

The environment and environmental issues are a growing concern to Canadians and Americans. To that end the topic of the Seminar was very timely.

Our first Seminar was presented by Dr. Catherine E. Rudder, Executive Director of the American Political Science Association who outlined briefly some of the many complications in attempting to understand the American political structure. She used the recent example of Congressman Jenkins, a Democrat from Georgia who is leading the move to reduce the capital gains tax even though this is an initiative of Republican President George Bush. Rudder explained it is not uncommon to the American political system for party boundaries to become blurred as members cross party lines in an attempt to pass legislation beneficial to their area of the country.

Our first afternoon was spent dealing with an overview of environmental issues. Our three main sources were:

Dr. John L. Moors, Chief, Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division

Mr. David E. Gushee, Senior Specialist, Environment Policy — spoke on air pollution as it relates to air toxics and ozone depletion

Dr. John Justus, Section Head, Geosciences of the Energy and Transportation Science Policy Research Division.

This was followed with a presentation by Mr. Andrew Sens of the Environmental Protection Bureau of Ocean and International and Environmental and Scientific Affairs dealing with international environmental issues. Areas discussed during this session included air pollution, ozone depletion, hazardous waste and issues coming out of the Paris summit.

On September 27 we started the day with a visit and tour to the new Canadian Embassy on Pennsylvania Avenue. My wife Marie and our two sons, Matthew and Travis, attended this briefing and enjoyed it a great deal.

Later we were invited to attend a World Resources Institute press conference. At the press conference representatives from Mercedes-Benz demonstrated for the press and delegates a Hydrogen Prototype automobile. It was a fascinating automobile in that it

used hydrogen extracted from water as a fuel source. The engine was a standard Mercedes engine with a special hydrogen converter and carburator system. Officials from Mercedes told the conference that the pollution implication from the system were nil and that the car could travel 100 miles on the hydrogen energy extracted from one gallon of water. While the technology is not new the practical application is. The officials would not release the cost of the prototype.

Over lunch we heard views from several environmentalists. Mr. Douglas Mulhall from Greenpeace answered many tough questions from our delegates relating to their role in working towards a ban on seal hunting, as well as Greenpeaces' protest against the shipment of PCB's from Quebec, Canada to Wales.

Our final day, September 28 was spent attending committee hearings. We were able to sit in on the Environmental Protection Subcommittee of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee chaired by Montana Democrat Max Baucas. The discussion centred on automobile emissions and the big three auto makers were present as witnesses.

The other committee we had the option of attending was the Health and Environment Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee chaired by Democrat Waxman of California. This committee was dealing with "legislation (HR3030) to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for the attainment and maintenance of the national ambient air quality standards, the control of toxic air pollutants, the prevention of acid deposition and other improvements in air quality."

The Seminar in Washington was very impressive. I enjoyed the company of fellow Canadian Parliamentarians. It was an excellent opportunity for us all to exchange views and ideas with our American friends on an issue of global magnitude.

Special thanks to our Branch of CPA for the opportunity to represent Saskatchewan at this seminar. A special thanks as well to Yvonne Mack, Members' Service Librarian for preparing briefing notes for the Seminar.

REPORT BY J. T. WOLFE, MLA
ASSINIBOIA-GRAVELBOURG

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Seminar on Environmental Issues in Washington, D. C. was an excellent opportunity to increase my knowledge of the American political system as well as my understanding of environmental issues on the international level. At this seminar I gained a broader perspective on how different governments work to solve the problems they recognize inside and outside their jurisdictions.

The session conducted by Catherine Rudder outlining the similarities and differences between the congressional and parliamentary systems was a very helpful introduction to the seminar. It has been interesting to watch the subsequent progress of the American Clean Air Legislation which Ms Rudder explained in detail.

Our meeting with the environment policy experts at the U.S Congressional Research Service was equally informative. This, combined with our meeting with the Director of the Office of Environmental Protection in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, provided a good study of the American Government's approach to environment policy.

The discussion with Representative Claudine Schneider's Legislative Assistant, Mike Totten, was also worthwhile because it showed us a more personal perspective on the American legislative process. Our meetings with representatives from Greenpeace and the Environmental and Energy Study Institute provided other viewpoints on what should be done about environmental issues.

The last day of the conference, seminar participants were able to watch the American system in action. We first received an informative briefing session from people who work within that system on a daily basis. Then we sat in on a meeting of the Senate Environmental Protection Subcommittee, under Senator Max Baucus. The committee, which was discussing standards for auto emissions, was very interesting to watch. It was very difficult to understand the full meaning of the differences between parliamentary and congressional systems of government until I saw this committee meeting.

I would like to thank the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association for organizing and sponsoring this very worthwhile seminar.

FOURTEENTH

CANADIAN REGIONAL SEMINAR

YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.

November 16 to 19, 1989

REPORT BY J. E. BROCKELBANK, MLA
SASKATOON WESTMOUNT

UNIQUE would have to be the word which most adequately describes the North West Territories (NWT). It makes up forty per cent of the Canadian land mass. Over fifty per cent of the population is of native origin (Inuit and Dene). Their people have no political parties at the "provincial" level, but prefer to make decisions by consensus.

The Executive Council is elected by all Members of the Assembly. In their legislative body, they operate with the English language and seven aboriginal languages. French language will be added this year.

About 50 parliamentarians and staff attended the seminar, visited the Legislative Chamber and other locations such as the Prince of Whales Northern Heritage Centre.

Another unique feature, by no means the last, is the winter climate. I can imagine that it's unforgiving and doesn't tolerate less than very careful preparation to withstand it.

As to the seminar, it was interesting and very well hosted.

Mr. Sam L. Cureatz, MPP of Ontario, led off the "Update on Parliamentary Reform" which was followed by many questions and comments.

The topic "Provincehood When?" resulted in some spirited discussion by the Yukon and NWT. Their argument seemed to find a great deal of favour with delegates. Newly elected Speaker, Richard Nerysoo of NWT, presented the main paper of which I obtained a copy.

Mr. Ian Izard, Law Clerk of British Columbia, led off with a paper, "The Dixon Case", which commented on the electoral boundary issue.

Kim Trew, MLA, Saskatchewan and Jerry Storie, MLA, Manitoba, started a successful session on the environment which precipitated a resolution for future consideration by Canadian Speakers.

The Session on "Alberta Style Elected Senate" was initiated by Jerry Doyle, MLA, Alberta and Girve Fretz, MP. It was interesting to note that the Alberta delegation had no government MLA's to kick off the discussion on Triple E Senate. I would conclude that the issue of Senate form or reform is not settled yet.

I was pleased that a number of Territory Members took an active part in most of the discussion.

I thank the Saskatchewan Branch of CPA for making it possible for me to attend this important and informative seminar.

The bus tour around Yellowknife was interesting and amusing, even the trip down "Ragged Ass Road."

REPORT BY K. D. TREW, MLA
REGINA NORTH

The host N.W.T. did themselves proud greeting us at the airport, helping us get settled and having a welcoming reception for us hosted by Honourable Richard Nerysoo, MLA, Speaker.

From the "Update on Parliamentary Reform" session it was obvious that all Legislatures are making their sessions more meaningful and timely without compromising the private members ability to be effective. Saskatchewan's Legislative Assembly has been innovative in the past with television, a formal question period, and private member's day. Rule requirements may vary with the number of MLAs elected — if there are more MLAs it seems to require more formal rules.

In the second session "Provinchood When" there was stated agreement by delegates that the Yukon and North West Territories should not require unanimous provincial and federal government approval to become provinces. There are certainly financial considerations to be resolved, but the spirit of the north seems to be - "Let's look at ways to make it possible rather than looking at the reasons it is difficult."

"Electoral Laws and the Charter" pose greater problems in the Yukon and North West Territories where the population is so sparse for most of the Territories, yet Yellowknife with one-third of the population has only three of the thirty two members elected.

"The Environment and the Private Members" session proved to be the major session. It ran an extra one half hour as delegates expressed their concern and shared their actions and ideas on ways that we can be part of the solution. Some of the positive ideas used in one or more jurisdictions now include:

— using non-bleached paper where possible;
— paper recycling in major government offices;
— ban CFC's by province.

Some further ideas included:

— using alternate fuel such as propane, L.N.G., etc.
— not using Styrofoam cups in MLA government offices
— renewing energy conservation initiates for housing. This was done in the 1970's but seems to have fallen out of vogue in the 1980's
— having one set of tough environmental requirements for all businesses. Competition for new businesses should not be for environmental reasons.

The fifth session was "Implications of an Alberta-style Elected Senate." This showed that there are nearly as many solutions to Senate reform as there were delegations to the Seminar.

The Saskatchewan delegation moved "This C.P.A. Seminar requests an Action Committee to be established to disseminate information of all Canadian jurisdictions regarding environmental initiatives involving legislation, energy conservation, alternate energy initiatives, recycling, etc."

This was passed unanimously with delegates agreeing the 1990's is the decade for action to protect and enhance our global and local environments.

It was fitting for this to be passed in Yellowknife as the obvious spirit of the north is to recognise a problem, then to look for ways to eliminate it, rather than focusing on the reason solution won't work. Problems are clearly there to be solved rather than ignored or simply studied.

It is doubtful if the hospitality can ever be surpassed. The North West Territories government and host Speaker Honourable Richard Nerysoo deserve full marks for making this Seminar so very enjoyable and successful.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Saskatchewan Branch
of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

I have examined the statement of receipts and disbursements of the Saskatchewan Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association for the year ended December 31, 1989. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 1989 and the results of its cash transactions and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Regina, Saskatchewan
March 31, 1990

M. Borowski, C.A.

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION
Saskatchewan Branch
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Year Ended December 31

	1988	1989
Receipts		
Grant - Province of Saskatchewan	$ 53,000	$ 65,000
Members' dues	2,475	2,125
Bermuda Regional Conference - fully reimbursable	1,800	-
Interest received on short term deposits	1,604	3,357
Sundry receipts	88	20
Total receipts	$ 58,967	$ 70,502
Disbursements		
Transportation and other allowances to Saskatchewan delegate(s) attending conferences and seminars (Schedule 1)	$ 42,237	$ 32,867
Printing		
-Booklets - 27th Canadian Regional Conference, Saskatchewan	8,239	-
-Annual report	2,283	1,434
Annual meeting and dinner - Saskatchewan Branch	4,048	177
Promotion and gifts	-	670
En Route	180	582
Telecommunications	152	-
Sundry expenses	81	24
Contributions to Saskatchewan Elocution and Debating Society	-	200
Total disbursements	$ 57,220	$ 35,954
Excess/(deficit) of receipts over disbursements	$ 1,747	$ 35,548
Funds on deposit, beginning of year	32,824	34,571
Funds on deposit, end of year	$ 34,571	$ 69,119
Represented by: Cash	$ 34,571	$ 69,119

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION
Saskatchewan Branch
Schedule of Expenses for Conference and Seminar
Attendance by Saskatchewan Delegates
Year Ended December 31, 1989

Conference/Seminar	
14th Canadian Regional Parliamentary Seminar, Yellowknife	$ 2,663
Canadian Regional Council, Washington, D.C.	4,375
Canadian Regional Council Meeting, Ottawa	2,410
35th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Barbados	8,041
28th Canadian Regional Conference, Prince Edward Island	762
29th Canadian Regional Conference, Alberta	4,865
38th Seminar on Parliamentary Practice and Procedure, Westminster	3,316
1st Commonwealth Parliamentary Seminar, Lusaka, Zambia	6,435
Total transportation and other allowance expenses (Statement 1)	$32,867

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION
Saskatchewan Branch
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 1989

1. **Accounting Policies**

The accounts of the Association are maintained on a cash basis whereby receipts are recorded as received and disbursements are recorded when paid. Accordingly, the assets and liabilities (excluding cash), as at December 31, are not reflected in these financial statements.